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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1839

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1839 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Equal
5 Access Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to ensure
7 that all Illinois residents have equal access to State services
8 and, in particular, that differences in language do not bar
9 access those services.

10 Section 10. Office of Language Access; creation. The Office
11 of Language Access is created in the office of the Governor to
12 ensure that language is not a barrier to State services.

13 Section 15. Policy development. The Office of Language
14 Access shall develop consistent policies regarding language

1 access. The Office of Language Access shall monitor
2 implementation of and compliance with those policies. The
3 policies developed by the Office of Language Access shall, at a
4 minimum, (i) set standards for the adequate staffing of
5 bilingual employees at State agencies and (ii) develop
6 requirements for the availability of interpretation and
7 translation services at State agencies.

8 Section 20. Administrative staffing. The office of the
9 Governor shall provide administrative and other support to the
10 Office of Language Access.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
12 2011.".